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LETTER DATED 14 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On many occasions, including in several Security Council and General Assembly documents, various high-ranking officials of a country provisionally referred to as the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" have reiterated that there is no territorial claim of that country towards its neighbours, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia. I would like to present evidence that seriously contradicts these statements.

Enclosed, Excellency, please find a colour laser-copy of a personal identification card issued in Mirkovci - a settlement with a pre-war population of approximately 3,500, in the district of Vinkovci in the territory of the Republic of Croatia - but, in the document, it is considered a part of the so-called "Republic of Serbian Krajina" that allegedly forms part of the country provisionally referred to as the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)".

The enclosed document written in the Cyrillic alphabet, states as follows:

1. COVER:

Historical coat of arms of Serbia; underneath inscription: "Krajina"; two marks on the left side are result of rivets affixing the photograph on the inside.

2. INSIDE CONTENTS:

Left: - historical coat of arms of Serbia; underneath inscription: "Krajina"
- inscription: "FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA"
"REPUBLIC OF SERBIAN KRAJINA"
"Mirkovci [district]"
"erased [name]"
"erased [family name]"
"erased [name of one of the parents]"
"erased [day, month and year of birth]"
"erased"
"erased [place of birth, district]"
serial number: "RSK001xxxx erased"

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Right: - photograph (riveted) to the left;
- seal overlapping the photograph, with historical coat of arms of Serbia [underneath inscription: "Krajina"], text reading: "REPUBLIC OF SERBIAN KRAJINA"; "Ministry of Internal Affairs-Knin"; "Secretariat [office] of Internal Affairs"; "VUKOVAR"; Roman number "V" [five]
- "blank [personal No.]"
- "erased; district of Mirkovci: erased [domicile and address]"
- "permanent [expiration]"
- "erased [registration No.]"
- "erased [date of issue]"
- seal; identical as above
- signature illegible "[authorized signature]"

All the personal information that could lead to the identification of the person that appears on the ID card have been blackened in order to ensure privacy and prevent any repressive measures that the insurgent authorities could undertake against that person or the next of kin. However, the original document will be made available for inspection to interested delegations upon request, with the obligation to ensure the confidentiality of the information contained therein.

It is the conviction of my Government that this document provides testimony of Serbian nationalist and extremist strivings towards establishment of a "Greater Serbia" that would include various parts of the Republic of Croatia. It is not only the Serbian paramilitary insurgents on Croatian soil who are constantly pushing towards that goal. They are instigated and assisted by the Belgrade regime.

This clearly shows that all the statements of the government representatives from Belgrade have been given mala fidae, and that the Belgrade regime has every intention to annex the occupied parts of the Republic of Croatia that form United Nations Protected Areas (UNPAs) to the country provisionally referred to as the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)".

If the authorities in Belgrade are indeed serious in their statements about no territorial claims towards Croatia, they would have already recognized the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the Republic of Croatia.

I would ask for your kind assistance for circulating this letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ambassador Mario NOBILO
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

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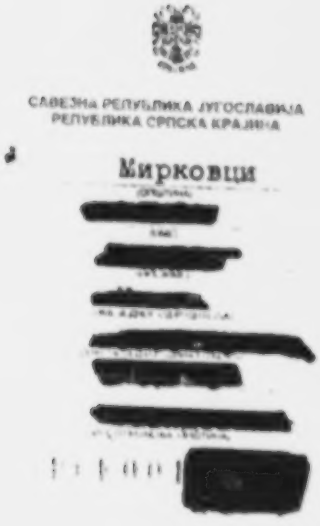
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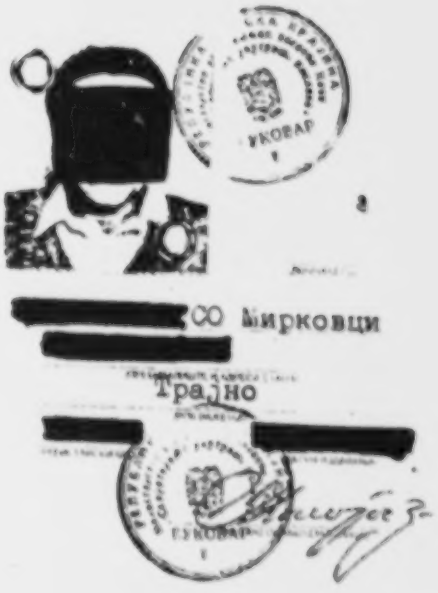
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